

NEBRASKA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM



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71-1,155. Veterinarian; license; required; exceptions. No person may practice veterinary medicine and surgery in the state who is not a licensed veterinarian or the holder of a valid temporary license issued by the board. The Nebraska Veterinary Practice Act shall not be construed to prohibit:

- (1) An employee of the federal, state, or local government from performing his or her official duties;
- (2) A person who is a regular student in a veterinary school from performing duties or actions assigned by his or her instructors or from working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian during a school vacation period;
- (3) A person who is a regular student in a veterinary technician school from performing duties or actions assigned by his or her instructors or from working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian during a school vacation period;
- (4) Any merchant or manufacturer from selling feed or feeds whether medicated or nonmedicated;
- (5) A veterinarian regularly licensed in another state from consulting with a licensed veterinarian in this state;
- (6) Any merchant or manufacturer from selling from his or her established place of business medicines, appliances, or other products used in the prevention or treatment of animal diseases or any merchant or manufacturer's representative from conducting educational meetings to explain the use of his or her products or from investigating and advising on problems developing from the use of his or her products;
- (7) An owner of livestock or a bona fide farm or ranch employee from performing any act of vaccination, surgery, pregnancy testing, or the administration of drugs in the treatment of domestic animals under his or her custody or ownership nor the exchange of services between persons or bona fide employees who are principally farm or ranch operators or employees in the performance of these acts;
- (8) A member of the faculty of a veterinary school or veterinary science department from performing his or her regular functions, or a person lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at a veterinary school or veterinary science department or in connection with a continuing competency activity;
- (9) Any person from selling or applying any pesticide, insecticide, or herbicide;
- (10) Any person from engaging in bona fide scientific research which reasonably requires experimentation involving animals;
- (11) Any person from treating or in any manner caring for domestic chickens, turkeys, or waterfowl, which are specifically exempted from the Nebraska Veterinary Practice Act; or
- (12) Any person from performing dehorning or castrating livestock, not to include equidae.

For purposes of the Nebraska Veterinary Practice Act, castration shall be limited to the removal or destruction of male testes.

Source: Laws 1967, c. 439, § 3, p. 1354; Laws 1986, LB 926, § 47; Laws 1988, LB 1100, § 56; Laws 2002, LB 1021, § 23; Laws 2004, LB 1005, § 18. Operative date July 16, 2004.